

BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER

AGENDA REVIEW	April 22, 2015
BOARD MEETING	May 5, 2015
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All
DEPARTMENT	Department of Mental Health (DMH)
SUBJECT	Request approval to amend an existing Legal Entity Agreement with Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc. (Tarzana), to expand the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Program, by implementing Field Capable Clinical Services (FCCS) and Wellness Center programs to provide mental health services to individuals under the Medicaid Coverage Expansion (MCE), authorized by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. (ACA)
PROGRAM	<p>This expansion will enable Tarzana to offer continuity of care and care options to existing and new clients that need to transition from intense to lower levels of services and/or to recovery oriented programs. Both programs will be fully funded by Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Medi-Cal to serve MCE eligible clients under the ACA. MCE funding presents a unique opportunity to implement these two essential programs and fill the gap for continuity of care that will benefit existing and new clients.</p> <p>Many clients who are currently served at Tarzana's intense programs such as Full Service Partnership would qualify for FCCS and Wellness Center services which provide comprehensive lower levels of care. However, because Tarzana does not have the funding, it must refer these clients to other agencies, even though they would prefer to stay at the center. Tarzana's FCCS Program will provide patient centered and integrated care in field settings to clients that may be challenged to access mental health, medical, and substance use services due to physical conditions, lack of transportation or other limitations. The Wellness Center will offer the lowest level of care, which is essential to support clients in their recovery path and connection with community supports to attain an independent and meaningful life. This integrated approach represents a great opportunity to establish health neighborhoods and integrated care which supports current DMH's efforts.</p>
DEADLINES	None

COST & FUNDING	The total cost of Tarzana's amendment is fully funded by FFP Medi-Cal revenue in the amount of \$330,000 increasing Tarzana's Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) to \$7,849,228 for FY 2014-15. Funding for Tarzana's amendment is included in DMH's FY 2014-15 Final Adopted Budget. Funding for future years will be incorporated into the budget through DMH's annual budget request process. There is no net County cost impact associated with the recommended actions.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Board approval of the proposed actions will allow Tarzana to provide program options for clients transitioning from intense levels of care to recovery oriented programs while improving client care and integration of behavioral health services.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	<p>On January 7, 2014 your Board approved the full implementation of the ACA, Medicaid Coverage Expansion. DMH has been working with its contracted agencies that provide an array of mental health services by increasing their MCAs to meet the needs of these individuals eligible for Medi-Cal due to the MCE under the ACA. Board approval will allow Tarzana to provide MHSA FCCS and Wellness Center services to an estimated 270 unduplicated additional families annually from three different Service Areas in Los Angeles County that are eligible for Medi-Cal coverage under the MCE. The federal government will pay 100 percent of the cost for this expansion that is authorized by ACA.</p> <p>Tarzana is a nonprofit organization with its headquarters office located at 18646 Oxnard Street, Tarzana, CA 91356, Third Supervisorial District. As a multiservice agency, Tarzana has served clients who present co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders. Tarzana is a leader in delivering integrated healthcare services for Substance Use Disorders (SUD), co-occurring mental health services, and primary care in Los Angeles County that entails the following: 1) a full continuum of SUD services; 2) operating five primary medical care clinics; and 3) providing mental health services for adults, adolescents and children.</p>
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